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SUBJ: BROADCAST OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER TO LON NOL

REF: STATE 241167

1. WITHOUT CONSULTING US AND APPARENTLY AGAINST THE
ADVICE OF HIS PERSONAL STAFF, LON NOL YESTERDAY DECEMBER
19 ORDERED PUBLIC DISSEMINATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S DECEMBER
5 LETTER TO HIM (REFTEL). WHEN WE HEARD SECTIONS OF LETTER
BROADCAST ON RADIO, WE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED HIS STAFF AND
ASKED THAT IT NOT BE FURTHER PUBLICIZED. PRESIDENTIAL STAFF
SAID THEY HAD REMOVED THE LETTER FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE
OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY AND WOULD ENSURE THAT IT DID NOT
APPEAR IN THE LOCAL KHMER PRESS.

2. COMMENT: WITH ONE EXCEPTION LON NOL HAS IN THE PAST
RESPECTED THE PRIVACY OF CORRESPONDENCE OF THIS SORT; WE
SURMISE THAT HIS CONCERN OVER PUBLIC MORALE AND
CONFIDENCE CAUSED HIM NOT TO DO SO THIS TIME.
WE DO NOT BELIEVE BROADCAST OF THE LETTER HAS DONE
ANY HARM, BUT WE FELT THAT PUBLICATION OF A TEXT
MENTIONING SPECIFIC ITEMS OF MAP EQUIPMENT WOULD NOT
BE PROPER.
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